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1. An equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will utilise a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising:  
a base adapted to stand on a surface of a said machine adjacent to said apparatus;  
an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold and/or support said items;  
securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface; and  
wherein there are at least a pair of arms aligned generally side by side with each other and defining a space therebetween in which said items can be located.

10 2. An equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will utilise a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising:  
a base adapted to stand on a surface of a said machine adjacent to said apparatus;  
an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold and/or support said items;  
15 securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface; and  
said equipment support stand is adapted to be coupled back to back with another stand to provide for double storage capacity.

20 3. An equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will utilise a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising:  
a base adapted to stand on a surface of a said machine adjacent to said apparatus;  
an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold and/or support said items;  
25 securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface; and  
including one or more pegs projecting upwardly at an inclined angle to the horizontal, said pegs adapted to support annular items or items having holes or bores therethrough.

30 4. An equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will utilise a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising:  
a base adapted to stand on a surface of a said machine adjacent to said apparatus;  
an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold and/or support said items;  
securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface;  
said securing means comprises a plurality of clamps which incorporate a hook formation adapted to pass through an aperture in said surface of said machine and hook beneath said surface to thereby rigidly fix the support stand to the surface.

35 5. 4 An equipment support stand as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said upstanding rack comprises a frame having one or more arms projecting laterally therefrom to at least one side thereof.

6. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein said items in use are held in position by said arms.
7. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 2 to 6~~, wherein there are at least a pair of arms aligned generally side by side with each other and defining a space therebetween in which said items can be located.
8. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 or 3 to 7~~, being adapted to be coupled back to back with another stand to provide for double storage capacity.
9. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ being adapted to be coupled back to back to provide access from at least two sides.
10. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~, including one or more magnetic clamps for holding ferrous metal items to the stand.
11. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1, 2 or 4 to 10~~, including one or more pegs projecting upwardly at an inclined angle to the horizontal, said pegs adapted to support annular items or items having holes or bores therethrough.
12. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3 or 5 to 11~~, wherein the securing means comprises a plurality of clamps which incorporate a hook formation adapted to pass through an aperture in said surface of said machine and hook beneath said surface to thereby rigidly fix the support stand to the surface.
13. An equipment support stand as claimed in ~~claim 4 or 12~~, wherein said hook formation is tensionable by an over centre locking lever connected thereto which, when tensioned, will tightly clamp the stand to the surface.

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